Big Cypress National Preserve



# 05/15/2011 Jarhead Fire Update

Florida

Incident Commander: John Nobles, Big Cypress Fire Management Officer

Public Information Officer: Mike Johnson, 402-250-5017 (cell)

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Jarhead Fire Information: 239-695-0031

Fire Facts:

Location: Center of Big Cypress National Preserve Date started: 04/26/2011

Size: **38,130 acres (as of 1700 5/14/11)** Estimated Containment Date: **5/18/2011** 

Percent Contained: 95% Injuries to Date: two (minor)
Cause: lightning Aircraft: 3 helicopters

Number of Personnel: **86** Equipment: **4 fire swamp buggies, 3 engines** 

Crews: one 20-person hotshot crew

## **General Information/Announcements:**

The National Park Service has established incident priorities that include firefighter and public safety, protecting private property, threatened and endangered species and their habitat, and natural and cultural resources. NPS resource advisors continue to work with crews to assess resource impacts and appropriate firefighting tactics.

## **Current Activity:**

Crews will continue to patrol, monitor, and mop up on the entire Jarhead Fire perimeter as needed.

The demobilization process continues on the Jarhead Fire. As equipment and resources are no longer needed, they will be released from the incident to return to their home units or be reassigned to other fires in the country.

#### Closures/Advisories:

The Preserve is closed west of Oasis Visitor Center to Turner River Road, south of I-75 and north of U.S. 41. This closure includes the Florida National Scenic Trail within the area and the Oasis ORV access.

As of Saturday, May 14, 2011 landowners, and their properly permitted guests, will be allowed to enter the established closure area for the purpose of accessing their private property along designated trails. Travel should be during daylight hours only, from 7:00 a.m to 7:00 p.m.

The closure remains in place to those permitted ORV visitors seeking recreational access.

Landowners wishing to access the area should view the closure notice posted on the Big Cypress National Preserve website: <a href="http://www.nps.gov/bicy/naturescience/2011-jarhead-fire.htm">http://www.nps.gov/bicy/naturescience/2011-jarhead-fire.htm</a>

# **Public Safety Message:**

Please be aware of and observe area closures in effect due to aerial and firefighting operations. Drivers on U.S. 41 and I-75 should exercise extreme caution due to smoke and fire vehicle traffic.

# **Partners/Cooperators**

U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Florida Panther National Wildlife Refuge, Everglades National Park, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Seminole Tribe of Florida, Ochopee Fire District, Everglades City Fire District, Florida Division of Forestry, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, Florida Dept. of Environmental Protection, Collier County Sheriff's Department, Collier County Emergency Operations Center, Collier County Health Department.

### For More Information

http://www.nps.gov/naturescience/2011-jarhead-fire.htm http://www.nps.gov/fire/, http://www.inciweb.org